

1. **PARTIES**

The Montana Department of Corrections (DEPARTMENT) and **Chaplain Ron Pierce (CONTRACTOR)** enter into this Contract (10-048-ACCD). The parties names, addresses, and telephone numbers are as follows:

Montana Department of Corrections
Adult Community Corrections Division
1539 11th Avenue
PO Box 201301
Helena, MT 59620-1301
(406) 444-3930

Chaplain Ron Pierce
7664 Montana HWY 35

Big Fork, MT 59911
(406) 837-6975

DEPARTMENT AND CONTRACTOR, AS PARTIES TO THIS CONTRACT AND FOR THE CONSIDERATION SET FORTH BELOW, AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

2. **DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR**

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide nondenominational religious and counseling services to trainees of Treasure State Correctional Training Center (TSCTC), located on the grounds of Montana State Prison. Services will be provided one day per week at a time mutually agreeable between the parties.

3. **COMPENSATION/BILLING**

DEPARTMENT shall compensate CONTRACTOR for successful delivery of services (or goods), provided pursuant to Section 2, in the following manner:

- A. DEPARTMENT shall pay CONTRACTOR **\$400.00 per month**, not to exceed four thousand eight hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,800.00) per Contract period for the services described herein.
- B. This rate is inclusive of all travel and per diem. DEPARTMENT will not compensate CONTRACTOR for travel or travel time, lodging, meals, supplies, or any other expense incurred by CONTRACTOR while performing services identified within this Contract.
- C. DEPARTMENT agrees to pay CONTRACTOR within thirty (30) days following receipt of a correct invoice.
- D. DEPARTMENT may withhold payments to CONTRACTOR if CONTRACTOR has not performed in accordance with the terms of this Contract.
- E. The Contract number must be referenced on all invoices and correspondence pertaining to this Contract.

4. **AGENCY ASSISTANCE**

To the extent possible, CONTRACTOR shall use its own facilities and equipment in providing the services set forth in Section 2. However, the parties recognize that services provided to DEPARTMENT may occur within the confines of a secure correctional facility necessitating the use of DEPARTMENT facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, access to inmate records, work space within a

correctional facility, and telephone service (e.g., Montana State Prison and Montana Women's Prison do not allow wireless phones within facility).

5. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

This Contract shall take effect upon receipt of final contract signature and shall terminate on October 31, 2010, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Contract. This Contract may, upon mutual agreement and according to the terms of the existing Contract, be renewed for a period not to exceed a total of five (5) additional years.

Upon expiration of this Contract, and in the absence of a new written agreement, the terms listed herein shall continue to govern the agreement between the parties until such time as a new Contract is signed.

6. LIAISONS AND NOTICE

- A. Tony Heaton, (406-846-1320, ext. 2107), Treasure State Correctional Training Center, 1100 Conley Lake Road, Deer Lodge, MT 59722 or successor serves as DEPARTMENT liaison.
- B. Ron Pierce, Chaplain, (406-837-6975), 7664 Montana HWY 35, Big Fork, MT 59911 or successor serves as CONTRACTOR liaison.
- C. All notices and invoices required in this Contract shall be in writing, properly addressed to the liaison in (A) and (B) above, mailed first-class, postage prepaid. All notices sent via U.S. Postal Service are deemed effective on the date of postmark. Notices and invoices mailed through another carrier (e.g., UPS or FedEx) are effective upon receipt.

7. OWNERSHIP AND PUBLICATION OF MATERIALS

All materials CONTRACTOR develops or utilizes (i.e., reports, spreadsheets, etc.) in performing the services set forth in Section 2 above shall be the sole property of DEPARTMENT.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Neither CONTRACTOR nor its employees are employees of the State. In addition, in accordance with section 39-71-401 (2)(t), MCA, the services described herein are exempt from the Worker's Compensation Act and therefore Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage or proof of exemption are not required.

9. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, and save the State, its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees, while acting within the scope of their duties as such, harmless from and against all claims, demands, causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense thereof, arising in favor of CONTRACTOR'S employees or third parties on account of bodily or personal injuries, death, or damage to property arising out of services performed or omissions of services or in any way resulting from the acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR and/or its agents, employees, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors - except the sole negligence of the State under this agreement.

10. ACCESS AND RETENTION OF RECORDS

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide DEPARTMENT, the Legislative Auditor, or their authorized agents with access to any records necessary to determine Contract compliance (Ref. 18-1-118, MCA). CONTRACTOR agrees to create and retain all records supporting the services rendered and/or supplies delivered for a period of three years after either the completion date of this Contract or the conclusion of any claim, litigation, or exception relating to this Contract taken by the State of Montana or a third party.

11. PUBLIC INFORMATION

CONTRACTOR recognizes that this Contract may be subject to public inspection pursuant to Article 2, § 9 of the Montana Constitution. DEPARTMENT has a limited ability to assert a privacy interest in the subject matter of the Contract particularly with respect to information which is in the nature of a "trade secret" as the phrase is defined in federal law. In any event, CONTRACTOR agrees to hold DEPARTMENT harmless from any injury caused, in whole or in part, by the review of this agreement by an entity authorized to do so pursuant to Article 2, § 9 of the Montana Constitution.

12. ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER AND SUBCONTRACTING

CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate duties under this Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of DEPARTMENT. No such written approval shall relieve CONTRACTOR of any obligation of this Contract and any transferee or subcontractor shall be considered the agent of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall remain liable as between the original parties to the Contract as if no such assignment had occurred.

13. AMENDMENTS

All amendments to this Contract shall be in writing and signed by the parties.

14. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

CONTRACTOR must, in performance of work under the Contract, fully comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules and regulations, including the Montana Human Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Any subletting or subcontracting by CONTRACTOR subjects subcontractors to the same provision. In accordance with section 49-3-207, MCA, CONTRACTOR agrees that the hiring of persons to perform the Contract will be made on the basis of merit and qualifications and there will be no discrimination based upon race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, or national origin by persons performing the Contract.

15. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT

- A. DEPARTMENT may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Contract in whole or in part at any time CONTRACTOR fails to perform as required in this Contract.
- B. Either party may terminate this Contract without cause by providing written notice to the other as described in this paragraph. The party desiring to terminate the Contract shall provide written notice to the other, which notice will establish a termination date not less than 30 days from the

date of such notice. The termination of this Contract shall not limit any party's pursuit of remedies provided in this Contract or otherwise available under the laws of the State of Montana.

- C. DEPARTMENT, at its sole discretion, may, without 30 days notice, terminate or reduce the scope of this Contract if available funding is reduced for any reason. If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract must be canceled. (Ref. 18-4-313(4), MCA).
- D. Failure on the part of either party to perform the provisions of this Contract constitutes default. Default may result in pursuit of a remedy for breach of Contract including, but not limited to, monetary damages or specific performance.

16. CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE

The laws of Montana govern this Contract. The parties agree that any mediation, arbitration or litigation concerning this Contract must be brought in the First Judicial District in and for the County of Lewis and Clark, State of Montana, and each party shall pay its own costs and attorney fees (Ref. 18-1-401, MCA).

17. LICENSURE

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide copies of current licenses and certifications that register CONTRACTOR and any associates performing under this Contract.

18. INTEGRATION

This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties and no statement, promises, or inducements made by either party or agents thereof, which are not contained in the written Contract, shall be binding or valid. This Contract shall not be enlarged, modified, or altered except upon written agreement signed by all parties to the Contract.

19. SEVERABILITY


A declaration by any court, or any other binding legal source, that any provision of this Contract is illegal and void shall not affect the legality and enforceability of any other provision of this Contract, unless the provisions are mutually dependent.

20. COMPLETED CONTRACT

DEPARTMENT cannot disburse any payments under this Contract until a fully executed original Contract is returned to the Department of Corrections, Contracts Management Bureau, PO Box 201301, 1539 11th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-1301.

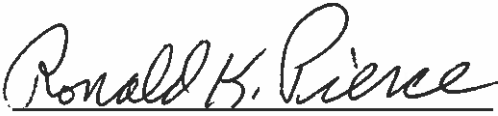
SIGNATURE

DEPARTMENT



Pam Bunke, Administrator
Adult Community Corrections Division

CONTRACTOR




Ron Pierce

10/20/09
Date

10-20-09
Date

Approved for Legal Content by:



Legal Counsel
Department of Corrections

9/29/09
Date